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Serial No. 09/864,338

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For: LARGE SCALE INTEGRATED CIRCUIT WITH

SENSE AMPLIFIER CIRCUITS FOR LOW VOLTAGE OPERATION

REQUEST TO WITHDRAW NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants received a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers dated June 27, 2001.

Applicants believe that the Notice is in error since the above-identified application is a reissue application. The reissue application requirements were changed. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.173 published in the Official Gazette of September 19, 2000. Specifically, see 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(a)(1) states that the entire specification including the claims are to be furnished in the form of a copy of the printed patent, in double column format, each page on only one side of a single sheet of paper. Applicants have complied with this rule and therefore the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers should be withdrawn.

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Enclosed is a copy of the section of 37 C.F.R. § 1.173(a)(1) cited by Applicants for convenience.

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

• A substitute specification in compliance with 37 CFR 1.52 because:

■ Line spacing on the specification, claims, or abstract is not 1-1/2 or double spaced (See 37 CFR 1.52(b)).

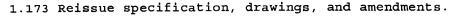
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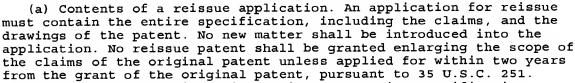
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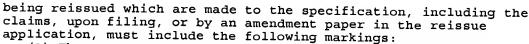




- (1) Specification, including claims. The entire specification, including the claims, of the patent for which reissue is requested must be furnished in the form of a copy of the printed patent, in double column format, each page on only one side of a single sheet of paper. If an amendment of the reissue application is to be included, it must be made pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section. The formal requirements for papers making up the reissue application other than those set forth in this section are set out in 1.52.Additionally, a copy of any 1.321), certificate of correction (1.322 through disclaimer (1.324), or reexamination certificate (1.570) issued in the patent must be included. (See also 1.178).
- (2) Drawings. Applicant must submit a clean copy of each drawing sheet of the printed patent at the time the reissue application is filed. If such copy complies with 1.84, no further drawings will be required. Where a drawing of the reissue application is to include any changes relative to the patent being reissued, the changes to the drawing must be made in accordance with paragraph (b)(3) of this section. The Office will not transfer the drawings from the patent file to the reissue application.
- (b) Making amendments in a reissue application. An amendment in a reissue application is made either by physically incorporating the changes into the specification when the application is filed, or by a separate amendment paper. If amendment is made by incorporation, markings pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section must be used. If amendment is made by an amendment paper, the paper must direct that specified changes be made.
- (1) Specification other than the claims. Changes to the specification, other than to the claims, must be made by submission of the entire text of an added or rewritten paragraph, including markings pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, except that an entire paragraph may be deleted by a statement deleting the paragraph without presentation of the text of the paragraph. The precise point in the specification must be identified where any added or rewritten paragraph is located. This paragraph applies whether the amendment is submitted on paper or compact disc (see 1.52(e)(1) and 1.821(c), but not for discs submitted under 1.821(e)).
- (2) Claims. An amendment paper must include the entire text of each claim being changed by such amendment paper and of each claim being added by such amendment paper. For any claim changed by the amendment paper, a parenthetical expression "amended," "twice amended," etc., should follow the claim number. Each changed patent claim and each added claim must include markings pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section, except that a patent claim or added claim should be canceled by a statement canceling the claim without presentation of the text of the claim.
- (3) Drawings. Any change to the patent drawings must be submitted as a sketch on a separate paper showing the proposed changes in red for approval by the examiner. Upon approval by the examiner, new drawings in compliance with 1.84 including the approved changes must be filed. Amended figures must be identified as "Amended," and any added figure must be identified as "New." In the event that a figure is canceled, the figure must be surrounded by brackets and identified as "Canceled."
- (c) Status of claims and support for claim changes. Whenever there is an amendment to the claims pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, there must also be supplied, on pages separate from the pages containing the changes, the status (i.e., pending or canceled), as of the date of the amendment, of all patent claims and of all added claims, and an explanation of the support in the disclosure of the patent for the changes made to the claims.
 - (d) Changes shown by markings. Any changes relative to the patent







(1) The matter to be omitted by reissue must be enclosed in brackets;

(2) The matter to be added by reissue must be underlined, except for amendments submitted on compact discs (1.96 and 1.821(c)). Matter added by reissue on compact discs must be preceded with "<U>" and end with "<\U>" to properly identify the material being added.

(e) Numbering of patent claims preserved. Patent claims may not be renumbered. The numbering of any claim added in the reissue application

must follow the number of the highest numbered patent claim.

(f) Amendment of disclosure may be required. The disclosure must be amended, when required by the Office, to correct inaccuracies of description and definition, and to secure substantial correspondence between the claims, the remainder of the specification, and the drawings.

(g) Amendments made relative to the patent. All amendments must be made relative to the patent specification, including the claims, and drawings, which are in effect as of the date of filing of the reissue application.